

Second Floor Scoop

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STUDENTS



Lunch Applications Due

Completed applications are returned to a student's social studies teacher. Parents who have not already done so are asked to complete the lunch application that was distributed on the first day of school regardless of whether or not you believe that your child qualifies for free and reduced price meals or whether or not your child eats school lunch. Keep in mind that these applications are also the basis for determining monetary benefits for students who take AP exams, the SAT exam, college applications and may also help qualify your child for other needs based scholarships and awards, both inside and outside school. If you are still not interested in applying, you can simply check off the top of the application indicating that you do not wish to apply, complete the student information in part 2, and sign and date the bottom of the form. There is also another reason to submit a lunch application. Our school may qualify for additional funding based on the return of these lunch forms, which is critical in these times of school budget cuts. Our school is also being held accountable by the DOE for collecting a lunch application from each and every student in our school. These applications must be completed annually and re-submitted as needed if your financial situation changes. Bear in mind that these applications are sent out by the school for central DOE processing, so you may be contacted even if you have already submitted an application or submitted one online. If you need to pick up a blank lunch application, please come to room 231. Paperless applications can also be filled out online at www.nyc.gov/accessnyc. If you do the application online, please print out a receipt for your child to bring to their social studies teacher so we can check them off our list.



Review Your Transcript.

On Tuesday, September 20, we will distribute new transcripts during OP. Please carefully review this transcript.

- If there are any incorrect grades, please see your guidance counselor during a lunch period or Study Hall.
- If you believe credits are missing, please discuss any omissions with your guidance counselor.
- Please review the number of credits you have earned, and ensure that you are on track to graduate. If you have to make up credits, see your guidance counselor to be programmed for PM classes.
- If you missed/failed a Regents exam, please talk to your counselor to discuss possible tutoring/preparatory classes you might need and registration procedures for the exam.



Prepare for the PSAT!

You will receive a PSAT guide and practice test on Tuesday, September 27, during your English class. The full-length practice test includes answers and can be used to prepare for the assessment.

All tenth and eleventh grade students in the NYC public school system will sit for the PSAT on Wednesday, October 12. The DOE pays for the test.

No make-ups will be offered.

TEACHERS



Take Advantage of Daedalus!

Daedalus makes available to teachers valuable information and communication tools. A teacher can access a class list on Daedalus: 1. Go to LaProgram.org, and click on "Daedalus for Teachers." 2. Enter your username and password. (You may speak with Ms. Wilson in Room 261 if you need these.) 3. Click on "My Classes." 4. Click on the "Text Classlists" link. 5. Click on the "Printable Classlists" radio button. 6. Click "Submit," "Open," and "Print."

Any teacher who would like assistance is encouraged to speak with Mr. Law.

The school will offer professional development Daedalus training later in the year.



Mini-Apple Lab

One room in the Library is now equipped with new Apple computers. There are enough for a class to use them if two students share each computer. If you would like to reserve the Mini-Apple Lab, call x2261, or e-mail kwilson@schools.nyc.gov.



New SMART Boards and Training

New SMART Boards were purchased last year, and we would like to continue to update our classrooms in this way.

SMART Board training will be offered during periods 4, 5, 7, and 8 on September 28. Call x2261 if you are interested, and indicate the periods when you will be available.

PARENTS



Parents May Submit Paperwork for Extended Testing Time (504s).

Extended time forms must be handed in to the school every year. Any parent who has submitted paperwork for extended testing time (504) paperwork should receive a response by mail. If a parent would like to apply but has not yet done so, he or she must submit the completed application as soon as possible. Contact Ms. van Keulen at 212-496-0700 x2261 for more information.

The College Board and the ACT are private companies with their own review boards. The application form for The College Board and the ACT are different from the one for LaGuardia Arts High School. If your child intends to request extended time for either test, you must apply to them individually, please contact Ms. Arezzi for more information at (212) 496-0700 x4235.

Please be aware that The College Board and the ACT application for extended time ask the school if the student uses all of the accommodations approved by LaGuardia in his or her 504. As a result of this inquiry, starting in September, the school will monitor the extent to which students use the accommodations, with particular attention paid to extended time.

For the 2011-12 school year, therefore, if it has been determined that you are entitled to extra time, we encourage you to take advantage of this provision on all classroom tests, standardized tests, midterm examinations, and final examinations. If you do not, you may not be granted extended time by The College Board and The ACT.